

# **Southeast News: Major and Miner**

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## **NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES**

**Martin Rosta**, Southeast District Manager in **Birmingham, Alabama**, will retire effective January 3, 2003. Martin has almost 34 years of Government service and has worked in his current position in Birmingham since September, 1989. Best wishes, Martin, for a long, healthy, fun-filled retirement. We will miss you.

**Billy K. Terry**, Field Office Supervisor, **Lexington, Kentucky**, will retire on January 3, 2003, with over 30 years of Government service. Bill is planning to retire in Florida where the winters are a little warmer.

**Charles (Bud) E. Stapleton**, Safety and Health Specialist, **Birmingham, Alabama**, retired on November 1, 2002. Bud was the person who so patiently printed, mailed out and sent out information contained in the newsletter. Thanks, Bud, for all you did to make this newsletter a success.

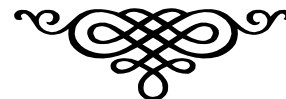
**Mitchell Adams**, supervisor in our Macon, Georgia field office, will be transferring to **Lexington, Kentucky**, as field office supervisor, effective January 12, 2003.

**Joel B. Richardson**, metal and nonmetal mine inspector in our **Birmingham, Alabama** field office, has accepted a new position as Conference Officer. Joel begins his new duties on December 1, 2002, in the District Office in Birmingham.

**Tim Foster**, metal and nonmetal mine inspector, returned to work in our **Franklin, Tennessee** field office after a short time away from MSHA.

**James R. Ellison**, metal and nonmetal mine inspector (trainee), began working in our **Lexington, Kentucky** field office on October 6, 2002. James previously worked in Fort Collins, Colorado.

**Lynnette Grubb** began working in our **Lexington, Kentucky** field office as a metal and nonmetal mine inspector (trainee) on November 3, 2002. Lynnette comes to us from Zanesville, Ohio.



**District's New Telephone  
System**

The Southeastern District has a new telephone system. The published telephone number remains the same: (205) 290-7294. However, you can call an employee's office directly by calling (205) 290-7296 or 7297 and dialing the extension number.

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## INFORMATION

### PROGRAM INFORMATION BULLETIN

Program Information Bulletin No. P02-11

*Issue Date:* November 6, 2002

*Subject:* New Legal Identity Report, MSHA Form 2000-7

### PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION LETTER

Procedure Instruction Letter No. I02-III-1

*Effective Date:* October 4, 2002 (amended 11/13/2002)

*Subject:* Compliance Procedures for the Hazard Communication Standard

### NEWS RELEASES

News Release No. 02-545

*Release Date:* October 2, 2002  
*Subject:* MSHA Launches Winter Alert and Focus on Safety Work Campaign

#### News Release

*Release Date:* October 16, 2002

*Subject:* Proposed MSHA Rule Would Allow Alternate Testing of Mining Equipment

#### News Release No. 02-604

*Release Date:* October 17, 2002

*Subject:* MSHA Establishes New Small Mines Division

*Copies of the Program Policy Letter, Program Information Bulletin and News Releases are available, by contacting Cindy Kinard (205) 290-7296, ext. 225; fax (205) 290-7299 or on MSHA's Homepage at [www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov).*

## Outreach Program Office of Assessments

*MSHA's Assessment Office has prepared a PowerPoint presentation that explains MSHA's assessment process. This 67-slide program can be used for in-house training by mine operators, independent contractors and consultants. The file can be viewed in PDF, HTML or PowerPoint and can be downloaded and is available on MSHA Homepage at [www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov)*



HazCom

*The following information has been released to assist mine operators and contractors in complying*

with MSHA's new HazCom rule:

Procedure Instruction Letter No. I-02-III-1;  
Compliance Procedures for the Hazard  
Communication Standard (amended  
11/13/2002).

Inspection Procedures for HazCom – this 12-  
page document discusses the requirements of  
HazCom and provides background and  
regulatory intent as well as enforcement  
procedures.

HazCom – Compliance Guide: Common  
Questions and Answers – this 38-page guide  
addresses what is required by HazCom and  
answers questions concerning the new  
HazCom rule.

Federal Register dated October 11, 2002 - 2  
page document that corrects errors that  
appeared in MSHA's preamble and final rule  
for Hazard Communication.

To obtain copies of any of this information,  
please call Cindy Kinard at (205) 290-7296,  
ext. 255; e-mail: [kinard-cindy@msha.gov](mailto:kinard-cindy@msha.gov)  
or go to MSHA's Homepage at [www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov)

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Panama City, FL  
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Bristol, TN

*If you would like your name added to a list  
to be notified of specific dates, please  
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ext. 225; e-mail: [kinard-cindy@msha.gov](mailto:kinard-cindy@msha.gov)*



## ACADEMY CLASSES, SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS

*The following seminars/workshops are  
available through MSHA's Mine Health and  
Safety Academy located in Beckley, West  
Virginia:*

## SEMINARS /WORKSHOPS



### SEMINARS FOR SMALL MINE OPERATORS

The Southeastern District is planning to  
hold 5 workshops throughout the  
Southeast in February and March 2003.  
These seminars will be primarily for small  
mine operators and will include an  
overview of the new HazCom regulations.  
Specific topics and dates will be  
announced later. The tentative locations  
of the seminars are:

## CLASSES

### Accident Prevention Techniques\*

3 days, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinator: Kenneth Scott

Tuition: \$215.00

### Blasting (Surface)\*

January 7-9, 2003

Technical Coordinator: Wayne Lively

Tuition: \$215.00

### Blasting (Underground)\*

2 days, available on request

Technical Coordinator: Wayne Lively

Tuition: \$143.00

### Haulage (Surface)\*

January 7-9, 2003

March 4-6, 2003

Tuition: \$215.00

### Hazard Communication (HazCom)

April 22, 2003

Technical Coordinators: Tom Bonifacio,  
William McKinney, John Tyler

Tuition: **\$72.00**

**Industrial Hygiene: Sampling for Respirable Silica Dust and Noise**

**Only offered on site**

Technical Coordinators: **William McKinney, Polly Kalich**

Tuition: **\$250.00 per student**

**Instructor Training Workshop (Part 48)**

**April 14-17, 2003**

**August 25-28, 2003**

**Includes optional first aid class on first day**

Technical Coordinator: **Kenneth Scott**

Tuition: **\$215.00** (3 days)

**\$286.00** (4 days) includes one day

First Aid Instructor Training

**Introduction to Mining\***

**August 26-28, 2003**

Technical Coordinator: **Jimmy Shumate**

Tuition: **\$215.00**

**Mine Accident Investigation Techniques\***

**September 9-11, 2003**

Technical Coordinator: **Kenneth Scott**

Tuition: **\$215.00**

**Mine Construction, Maintenance, and Repairs Safety**

**June 3-4, 2003**

Technical Coordinator: **Tom Bonifacio**

Tuition: **\$143.00**

**Mine Elevator Inspection Program Training – Module I\***

**July 29-31, 2003**

Technical Coordinator: **Roy Milan**

Tuition: **\$215.00**

**Mine Rescue Training**

**1 day, available on request**

Technical Coordinator: **David Friley**

Tuition: **\$72.00** (may be waived for mine rescue team members)

**Noise Hazards, Regulation, and Control**

**December 17-19, 2002**

**3 days, scheduled on request**

Technical Coordinator: **William McKinney**

Tuition: **\$215.00**

**Respirable Dust and Silica Sampling and Control\***

**3 days, scheduled upon request**

Technical Coordinator: **William McKinney**

Tuition: **\$215.00**

**Roof Control for Miners\***

**1 day, available on request at worksite**

Technical Coordinator: **John Rosiek**

Tuition: **\$72.00**

**Underground Diesel Equipment/Ventilation**

**March 11-13, 2003**

**June 3-5, 2003**

Technical Coordinator: **Scott Mandeville, Don Gibson**

Tuition: **\$215.00**

**Underground Ventilation for Metal and Nonmetal Mines\***

**2 days, available on request**

Technical Coordinator: **Scott Mandeville, Rocky McKinney**

Tuition: **\$143.00**

**\*Scheduling at worksite available upon request. For additional information on these classes, please contact the technical coordinator at (304) 256-3100 or to enroll call (304) 256-3252; fax: (304)256-3251.**

## **ACADEMY SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS**

**Mine Blasting and Application Seminar**

**January 22-24, 2003 (2-1/2 days)**

Technical Coordinator: **Wayne Lively**

Tuition: **None**

**Mine Construction, Maintenance, and Repairs Safety Workshop**

**April 1-3, 2003**

Technical Coordinator: **Tom Bonifacio**

Tuition: **None**

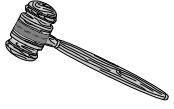
**Surface Haulage Safety Seminar**

**March 4-6, 2003 (2-1/2 days)**

Technical Coordinator: **Wayne Lively**

Tuition: **None**

**For additional information on these seminars/workshops, please contact the technical coordinator at (304) 256-3100 or to enroll call (304) 256-3251.**



## Rulemaking

**Air Quality and Chemical Substances** –  
Withdrawn September 26, 2002.

**Asbestos Exposure Limit** – Advance notice of proposed rulemaking published March 29, 2002. A notice of change to public meetings was published April 18, 2002. Advance notice of proposed rule making comment period ended June 27, 2002. Date of proposed rule is undetermined.

**Diesel Particulate Matter (Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners)** –

Proposed rule was published October 29, 1998. Correction of proposed rule to correct errors in the diesel Emission Control Estimator Formula was dated July 8, 1999. Comment period on clarifications and corrections closed July 26, 1999. Final rule was published January 19, 2001. Effective date was delayed until July 5, 2001. Proposed rule; partial delay of effective date; clarification of effective dates and corrections and amendments was published July 5, 2001. Post hearing comment period ended and record closed August 20, 2002. §57.5060(a) will continue to apply on July 19, 2002, and §57.5060(b) will continue to apply on January 19, 2006. Final action expected September, 2002. Final rule published February 27, 2002 which revised two provisions of the existing rule published January 19, 2002. The two provisions are: the evidence of tagging provisions of the Maintenance standard and the definition of “introduced” in the Engine standard. The revisions clarified the existing rule. Final action effective March 29, 2002. An amendment was published on July 18, 2002 that stayed certain provisions of the rule: 57.5060(d), 57.5060(e), and 57.5060(f) and 57.5062. On September 25, 2002 advance notice of proposed rulemaking was published. Comment period closed November 25, 2002. MSHA will propose to revise 57.5060(a) thru (f) - limit on

concentration of DPM, 57.5061(b) and (c) – compliance determination, and 57.5062 – diesel particulate matter control plan.

**Hazard Communication** - Final rule was published June 21, 2002. **Effective dates** are: **September 23, 2002** for mines with 6 or more employees, **March 21, 2003** for mines with 5 or fewer employees. Correction to preamble and final rule was published October 4, 2002.

**Mine Rescue Teams** - Notice of proposed rulemaking is expected later in the year.

The **Semiannual Regulatory Agenda** is expected to be published December 9, 2002. This document contains the agenda of regulations that have been selected for review or development during the coming one-year period. Copies of this document are available upon request and can be obtained by contacting the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances or on MSHA's Homepage.

### Proposed Information Requests

Federal Register: **Volume 67, Number 201**

Page: **64139**

Dated: **October 17, 2002**

Proposed Information Collection Request

Submitted for Public Comment and

Recommendations: **Independent Contractor Register**

Submit comments on or before: **December 16, 2002**

Federal Register : **Volume 67, Number 201**

Page: **64140-64142**

Dated: **October 17, 2002**

Proposed Information Collection Request

Submitted for Public Comment and

Recommendations: **Part 46 – Training and Retraining of Miners Engaged in Shell**

**Dredging or Employed at Sand, Gravel,**

**Surface Stone, Surface Clay, Colloidal**

**Phosphate, or Surface Limestone**

**MinesIndependent Contractor Register**

Submit comments on or before: **December 16, 2002**

*For further information on regulatory subjects please contact Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances; 1100 Wilson Boulevard; Arlington, VA 22209-3939; (202) 693-9440.*

## INDUSTRY

### JOSEPH A. HOLMES CERTIFICATE OF HONOR

The following operations received Joseph A. Holmes Association Certificates of Honor for working the qualifying number of hours without incurring a lost workday injury:

#### North Carolina

- Garner Quarry; Raleigh; 900,263 hours
- Ponom Quarry; Raleigh; 380,940 hours
- Central Rock Quarry; Raleigh, 293,795 hours
- American Stone Quarry, Greensboro; 231,446 hours



### 2001 SENTINELS OF SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

The following mines in the Southeast received Sentinels of Safety awards for working at least 30,000 hours during 2001 without a lost-time injury or fatality:

#### Underground Metal Group

Young Mine; ASARCO, Inc.; Strawberry Plains, **Tennessee** – 223,890 hours

Clinch Valley Mine; Pasminco Zinc, Inc.; Thornhill, **Tennessee**; 101,293 hours.

#### Underground Nonmetal Group

Crab Orchard Mine; Franklin Industrial Minerals; Crab Orchard, **Tennessee**; 58,977 hours

New York Mine; Imerys Marble, Inc.; Marble Hill; **Georgia**; 58,082 hours

Columbia Rock #1; Columbia Rock Products Corp.; Columbia, **Tennessee**; 45,324 hours

Jefferson County Stone; Rogers Group, Inc.; Louisville, **Kentucky**; 44,627 hours

Glen's Creek Mine & Mill; Harrod Concrete & Stone Co.; Frankfort, **Kentucky**; 44,318 hours

Miss Linda Mine; Huber Engineered Materials; Marble Hill; **Georgia**; 41,938 hours

Lexington Quarry Company; Lexington Quarry Company; Nicholasville, **Kentucky**; 41,086 hours

Rock Springs Mine; Liter's, Inc.; Crestwood, **Kentucky**, 40,319 hours

Lockport Plant; Liter's Inc.; Lockport, **Kentucky**; 31,687 hours

Boonesboro Quarry; The Allen Company, Inc.; Winchester, **Kentucky**, 30,931 hours

### **Open Pit Group**

Suwanee River Mine; PCS Phosphate – White Springs; White Springs, **Florida**; 80,417 hours

Palmer Mine; J. M. Huber Corporation; Wrens, **Georgia**; 76,977 hours

KY-TN Clay Co.; KY-TENN Clay Co. Kaolin; Sandersville, **Georgia**; 40,933 hours

Sims Mine; KY-TN Clay Co.; Milburn, **Kentucky**; 33,951 hours

WKA Mining Operations; Wilkinson Kaolin Associates, LLP; Gordon, **Georgia**; 32,916 hours

### **Quarry Group**

Imerys Gantts Quarry; Imerys Carbonates, LLC, Sylacauga, **Alabama** – 212,051 hours

Krome Quarry; Rinker Materials, Miami, **Florida** – 100,447 hours

Reed Quarry; Vulcan Materials Company; Grand Rivers, **Kentucky**; 86,629 hours

Gauldin Pit; McCartney Construction Co., Inc.; Talladega, **Alabama**; 83,525 hours

O'Neal Quarry; Chemical Lime Company; Calera, **Alabama**; 80,845 hours

Brooksville Quarry; Vulcan Materials Company; Brooksville, **Florida**; 80,009 hours

Ruby; Martin Marietta Aggregates; Macon, **Georgia**; 77,821 hours

Card Sound Quarry; RMC South FL, Inc.; Florida City, **Florida**; 77,777

hours

Cayce Quarry; Martin Marietta; Cayce, **South Carolina**; 75,186 hours

Salisbury Pink Quarry; Carolina Quarries, Inc.; Salisbury, **North Carolina**; 64,145 hours

Harper Greenmeadows Quarry; FL Rock Industries, Inc.; Fort Myers, **Florida**; 63,706 hours

Sumterville Quarry; Dixie Lime and Stone Company; Sumterville, **Florida**; 61,287 hours

Tate Quarry; The GA Marble Company; Tate, **Georgia**; 58,945 hours

Miami Crushed Rock; APAC-FL, Inc.; Miami, **Florida**; 52,209 hours

Southwest Aggregates; Southwest Aggregates; Punta Gorda, **Florida**; 51,679 hours

Vance Quarry; SRM Aggregates, Inc.; Vance, **Alabama**; 51,071 hours

Old Fort Quarry; S&S Rock, Inc.; Old Fort, **Tennessee**; 48,874 hours

Verlie; SRM Aggregates, Inc.; Alabaster, **Alabama**; 47,970 hours

Stone Sales & Services, Inc.; Stone Sales & Services, Inc.; Dunlap, **Tennessee**; 47,692 hours

Bardstown Quarry; Rinker Materials; Bardstown, **Kentucky**; 47,610 hours

Lecanto Mine; Grubbs Construction Co.; Lecanto, **Florida**; 46,963 hours

Shelton; Vulcan Const. Materials, L.P.; Pelham, **North Carolina**; 46,379 hours

Sun West Mine; Sun West Mine Acq. Corp; Hudson, **Florida**; 46,355 hours



Knightdale Quarry; Wake Stone Corporation; Knightdale, **North Carolina**; 45,909 hours

Whitewater Quarry; LBM Industries, Inc.; Sapphire, **North Carolina**; 45,476 hours

Rocky Creek Mine and Mill; Dolomite Incorporated; Marianna, **Florida**; 42,716 hours

Enka; Vulcan Construction Materials, LP; Enka, **North Carolina**; 42,467 hours

Wright Quarry; Frogge & Williams, Inc.; Jamestown, **Tennessee**; 41,963 hours

Brookman Quarry; VI Cement & Building Products, Inc.; Charlotte Amalie, **Virgin Islands**; 41,774 hours

Augusta Quarry; Martin Marietta Aggregates; Augusta, **Georgia**; 41,061 hours

East Quarry; Livingston Limestone Co.; Livingston, **Tennessee**; 38,645 hours

Elmo Greer & Sons Quarry; Wilmo Greer & Sons, LLC; Somerset, **Kentucky**; 38,326 hours

Goretown Mine; Carolina Aggregate Products, LLC; Loris, **South Carolina**; 37,936 hours

Castle Hayne Quarry; Martin Marietta Aggregates; Castle Hayne, **North Carolina**; 37,912 hours

Collinsville Rock Quarry; Blount Springs Materials Co.; Collinsville, **Alabama**; 37,824 hours

Jamestown Quarry; Martin Marietta; Jamestown, **North Carolina**; 37,391 hours

Cantera Hacienda San Martin; Productora de Agregados, Inc.; Dorado, **Puerto Rico**; 37,383 hours

Harlan Quarry; Nally & Haydon, LLC; Bledsoe, **Kentucky**; 36,055 hours

Everlasting Blue Quarry; Quarries, Inc.; Elberton, **Georgia**; 35,315 hours

Hickory Quarry; Martin Marietta Aggregates SE; Hickory, **North Carolina**; 35,295 hours

Clinchfield Plant, Cemex, Inc.; Cemex, Inc.; Clinchfield, **Georgia**; 35,236 hours

Moncure Quarry; Wake Stone Corporation; Moncure, **North Carolina**; 34,842 hours

Coldwater Quarry; McCartney Construction Co., Inc.; Coldwater, **Alabama**; 34,718 hours

Auburn Quarry; Martin Marietta Materials; Auburn, **Alabama**; 34,551 hours

Lemon Springs Quarry; Martin Marietta Aggregates Southeast Division; Raleigh, **North Carolina**; 33,990 hours

North Columbia Quarry; Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.; Columbia, **South Carolina**; 33,277 hours

White Gardenia Granite Quarry; Carolina Quarries, Inc.; Salisbury, **North Carolina**; 32,885 hours

Georgetown II; Martin Marietta Aggregates; Jamestown, **South Carolina**; 32,783 hours

No. 1 Mine; Appalachian Stone Company, Inc.; Marion, **North Carolina**; 32,640 hours

Cutler Pit; RMC South FL, Inc.; Florida City, **Florida**; 32,269 hours



Lowell Mine; Franklin Industrial Minerals; Lowell, **Florida**; 32,260 hours

Brooksville Quarry; FL Rock Industries, Inc.; Brooksville, **Florida**; 32,202 hours

Rockwell Granite; Rockwell Granite Company; Rockwell, **North Carolina**; 31,878 hours

Cleveland Quarry; Bradley Stone & Sand; Cleveland, **Tennessee**; 31,479 hours

Rock Hill; Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.; Raleigh, **North Carolina**; 31,323 hours

Garner Quarry; Martin Marietta Aggregates; Garner, **North Carolina**; 31,182 hours

Miller Creek Quarry; Thompson Contractors, Inc.; Rutherfordton; **North Carolina**; 31,006 hours

Charlotte Quarry; Martin Marietta Aggregates Southeast Division; Charlotte, **North Carolina**; 30,896 hours

Gulf Hammock Quarry; FL Rock Industries, Inc.; Gulf Hammock, **Florida**; 30,718 hours

Prescott Pit; Bunn Brothers Materials, Inc.; Winfield, **Alabama**; 30,147 hours

### **Bank or Pit Group**

Junction City Plant; Unimin GA Company L.P.; Junction City, **Georgia**; 73,642 hours

Gravero Finca El Ojo; Sanson Corporation; Ponce, **Puerto Rico**; 64,002 hours

Blackhawk Pit Facility; J.J. Ferguson Sand & Gravel, Inc.; Blackhawk,

**Mississippi**; 58,584 hours

Marlboro Mine; Hanson Aggregates Becker, Inc.; Bennettsville, **South Carolina**; 56,629 hours

Senter; Hanson Aggregates Becker, Inc.; Lillington, **North Carolina**; 52,790 hours

Crystal Springs, Martin Marietta Materials; Crystal Springs, **Mississippi**; 51,449 hours

City Pit; Montgomery Materials; Montgomery, **Alabama**; 48,965 hours

Frank Road Pit; Standard Construction Co., Inc.; Collierville, **Tennessee**; 42,379 hours

Louisville Yard; Nugent Sand Company; Louisville, **Kentucky**; 41,364 hours

Elliott; Hanson Aggregates Carolina, Inc.; Erwin, **North Carolina**; 40,326 hours

Lugoff Mine; Unimin Corporation; Lugoff, **South Carolina**; 38,827 hours

Gravero Lirios; J. F. Asociados, Inc.; Juncos, **Puerto Rico**; 38,400 hours

Jemison Mine and Plant; Superior Products, Inc.; Jemison, **Alabama**; 37,864 hours

Benchmark, Superior Products, Inc.; Randolph, **Alabama**; 36,752 hours

Smart Sand & Gravel; Smart Sand & Gravel Corp.; San Lorenzo, **Puerto Rico**; 30,888 hours

Tribble Pit; Nelson Materials, Inc.; Grenada, **Mississippi**; 30,088 hours

### **Dredge Group**

474 Sand Mine; Rinker Materials; Clermont, **Florida**; 36,130 hours

*Perry Mine and Mill; Teague Sand & Gravel, Inc.; Parsons, **Tennessee**;  
34,383 hours*

*Jackson, TN Plant; U.S. Silica  
Company; Jackson, **Tennessee**;  
31,862 hours*

*Floating Plant Ingram; Ingram Materials  
Company; Ledbetter, **Kentucky**;  
31,839 hours*

***Congratulations to all of the  
Sentinels of Safety award  
winners!***



## **2002 MINING FATALITIES**

**As of December 5, 2002,  
there have been  
61 fatalities reported, nationwide:**

**38 of these occurred at metal/  
nonmetal mines,**

**23 were at coal operations**

## **2002 FATALS REPORTED IN SOUTHEAST**

**There have been 9 chargeable fatalities  
reported in the Southeast – two to  
contractors working on mine properties.  
Following are the fatalities reported since the  
last newsletter was mailed:**

**update - August 20, 2002 – Tennessee** - a 20 year-old bin puller/truck driver backed his dump truck under a bin in preparation to empty material into the bed of the truck. He exited the truck on the driver's side and was standing near the bin support structure. Another haul truck backed under the adjacent bin, struck the victim and ran over him. **Cause of Accident:** truck driver's inability to maintain sight of the victim while backing the truck. Root causes included failure to establish procedures requiring truck drivers to stop backing when they lose sight of persons on foot behind their vehicles and the failure to require persons on foot to leave the area when mobile equipment is backing towards them.

**September 16, 2002 – Florida** - a 42 year-old welder was electrocuted when he contacted an energized welding electrode. **Cause of Accident:** failure to utilize dry insulating material while welding when lying on steel, and failure to wear dry clothing.

**September 23, 2002 – Tennessee** - a 43 year-old plant operator became entangled in a fines belt conveyor tail pulley. **Cause of Accident:** failure to block the conveyor against motion. Contributing causes to the accident were the failure to have a company policy that required spilled material be cleaned around conveyor tail pulleys before the build-up created a hazard and failure of workplace examinations to identify existing hazards.

**November 13, 2002 – Puerto Rico** - a 30 year-old bulldozer operator was fatally injured while pushing up previously shot material with the dozer near the base of a 21-foot highwall. A large portion of the highwall failed, collapsing the ROPS on the

dozer and fatally injuring the victim. **Cause of Accident:** still under investigation.



## As a Reminder...

**Quarterly Employment and Injury Reports for third quarter (July - September) are due to be submitted to Denver by January 15, 2003.**

please submit the following information:  
name, job title, and address.

Additions, changes, deletions should be sent to: Cindy Kinard; MSHA-M/NM; 135 Gemini Circle, Suite 212; Birmingham, AL 35209.  
(205) 290-7296, ext 225, fax: (205) 290-7299; e-mail: kinard-cindy@msha.gov

Yours in Safety,

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